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1. EMBASSY DREW ON PARA 2, REF A TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS POSED BY ROUGET IN REF B. ROUGET HAD RECEIVED REPORT ABOUT VAN DOREN-WIENDIECK CONVERSATION BUT APPRECIATED PERSONAL CONFIRMATION AND OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW RELATED QUESTIONS INVOLVING ARTICLES ABOUT AMERICAN AID TO INDIA, WHICH HAVE APPEARED IN NEW YORK TIMES, AND THE NRC HEARINGS ON NUCLEAR EXPORTS TO INDIA.

2. ROUGET UNDERSTANDS US POSITION VERY WELL. HE DID QUESTION WHETHER THE INDIAN PLUTONIUM, WHICH MUST BE STORED AT TARAPUR, IS UNDER IAEA SAFEGUARDS AND WONDERED WHETHER THESE SAFEGUARDS WOULD BE EFFECTIVE. HE INTERPRETS NSG DISCUSSIONS ABOUT NEW CONCEPTS OF PLUTONIUM MANAGEMENT AS EVIDENCE THAT PRESENT IAEA CONFIDENTIAL

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PROCEDURES WOULD NOT BE EFFECTIVE.

3. ROUGET REVIEWED FRG DISCUSSIONS WITH THE IAEA AND WITH ARGENTINA ABOUT FUEL RESUPPLY FOR THE ATUCHA REACTOR AND EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH THE IAEA ATTITUDE AT THAT TIME. APPARENTLY IAEA REFUSED TO RENEGOTIATE ITS SAFEGUARDS BILATERAL WITH ARGENTINA TO PERMIT FRG TO JOIN AS A TRILATERAL PARTNER AT TIME FUEL RE-SUPPLY WAS NEGOTIATED. FURTHERMORE, ROUGET ASSERTED THAT THE IAEA DID NOT RPT NOT SUPPORT THE FRG IN ITS "VERY DIFFICULT" NEGOTIATIONS WITH ARGENTINA, WHICH WISHED TO ADD A CLAUSE PERMITTING ABROGATION OF ITS SAFEGUARDS OBLIGATIONS ON ATUCHA. FRG REFUSED, BECAUSE ARGENTINA NOT NPT PARTY AND BECAUSE FRG REQUIRES UNLIMITED OBLIGATIONS FOR IAEA SAFEGUARDS IN ITS CURRENT SUPPLY AGREEMENTS. ROUGET IMPLIED THAT GERMAN DISSATISFACTION WITH THE IAEA HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE DG, DR. EKLUND, AND THAT FRG MAY WISH TO DISCUSS THESE VIEWS IN THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OR NSG.

4. AS NOTED IN SEPTEL, ROUGET EXPLAINED THAT FRG HAS USED THE NSG GUIDELINES REQUIREMENT FOR AN EXPLICIT NO-PNE ASSURANCE AS A WAY OF ATTEMPTING TO PERSUADE INDIA TO FOREGO NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES. ROUGET SAID THAT INDIA HAD OFFERED TO PROVIDE AN EXPLICIT NO-PNE ASSURANCE WITH RESPECT TO ZIRCALLOY TUBING. THIS ASSURANCE, HOWEVER, WAS TO APPLY ONLY TO THE SPECIFIC REACTOR IN WHICH THE TUBING WAS TO BE USED. FRG HAD REFUSED TO ACCEPT THIS LIMITED ASSURANCE, IN SPITE OF SOME INDUSTRIAL PRESSURE, AND AUTHORIZED ZIRCALLOY EXPORTS ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH NSG TRIGGER LIST CONCEPTS.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE ASSUME MIAA IS AWARE OF FRG VIEWS ABOUT THE IAEA, AS OUTLINED ABOVE. IF NOT, EMBASSY WOULD BE PLEASED TO FOLLOW UP.
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